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CROP LOSSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make farmers aware of global warming and consequential danger to crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to train the farmers in marketing skills and crop planning so as to enable them to get remunerative prices for their produce; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): The Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has initiated the Net-Work Programme on Impact Adaptation and Vulnerability of Indian Agriculture to Climate Change during 10th Plan with a main aim to study the impact of climate change on agriculture systems including livestock, fisheries, horticulture and forestry in the country.

As per recommendations of the National Conference on Climatic change on Indian Agriculture held during October 12-13, 2007 at New Delhi, the Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) is formulating a training programme for public awareness on the impact of climate change, mitigate the affect of global warming and consequential affect on crops.

The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing number of Centrally Sponsored Scheme in various States to make farmers aware of modern agriculture technologies and other related information including awareness to global warming through training of farmers and extension workers, demonstrations on production technology and publicity through electronic and print media, exposure visits, exhibitions, Krishi Melas, seminars etc. The important Schemes having above mentioned components include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms, Macro Management of Agriculture Development, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Horticulture Mission and National Food Security Mission. In the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, the States have been empowered to approve any activities required for the integrated development of agriculture in their respective states.